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My dear friends,

As 2008 closes and 2009 cranks up, let me thank each of you for such an outstanding job this past year. Your hard work paid off big time with our Excellent rating on the Compliance Inspection. But of course that was just a confirmation of what we already knew. This Wing has been pulling together and getting the job done for quite some time. We are a strong Wing and this Wing will continue to do well under the leadership of Colonel Roy Douglass.

Please include this among your 2009 New Year resolutions. Resolve to keep yourself and those around you safe at all times. This Wing accomplished an Outstanding Safety program because each individual member resolved to work safety just like we do all our missions for America. Resolve that you will increase your safety skills and personal awareness of the hazards around you. Resolve that you are the one that matters when it comes to a Safe CAP culture in this Wing. We value each other and the skills we bring together for the benefit of others too much to allow anything to compromise our health and well being. Make 2009 a productive and SAFE year for NC Wing.

Tomorrow morning, I will no longer be serving as your Wing Commander. Officially, Colonel Select Roy Douglass will take over at the stroke of midnight. I cordially invite all members to attend the change of command ceremony at Wing HQ on 5 January 2009 at 20:00 hours. Come over and show your support for Col Douglass and your continued commitment to the excellence of NC Wing. The future looks bright and you should be pleased with the opportunities for success that await you. Without any doubt, you are the very best. Thank you for allowing me to serve you over these past four years.

Happy New Year North Carolina Wing !!!

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
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This morning, 3 December, Dr Tom Caves passed away. Tom was a member of Raleigh-Wake Squadron and you will not find a greater aviation enthusiast anywhere. Tom was also a close personal friend of mine for over 30 years. He was never allowed to solo, but has logged more than 150 hours at the controls. Tom is retired from being a Chemistry Professor at NCSU. His quick wit and friendly demeanor will be sorely missed.

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USAF Brig. General Assists in Command Transfer at NC-800

Tuesday Nov.4, 2008, was a very special meeting night at the South Charlotte Composite Squadron (NC-0800) of the NC Wing, CAP. Every one was excited. There were refreshments and drinks neatly assembled on tables.

Deputy Commander, 1/Lt. Kevin Tillett was at the podium and after the opening ceremonies he began calling Cadets to report. The final count was ten (10) Cadets called and as each one came forward and reported. They were promoted to the next level. The names and the rank that they were promoted to are listed below:

C/2 Lt. Nathan Hollister- Gen. Billy Mitchell Award

C/C MSgt. Aaron Wilson

C/MSgt Nathan Wuerffel

C/TSgt Samuel Burnett

C/TSgt Sierra Larson

C/TSgt Steven Shaneyfelt

C/TSgt Andrew Wuerffel

C/SSgt Jared Olinick Wright Brothers Award

C/SrA James Hughes

C/Amm Joseph Lathrope

It was not over yet. Commander – Lt/Col Art Spurr took the floor and called 1/Lt. Tillett to come forward and report. He was awarded the COP and The Yeager award. He was then promoted the Captain.

We were then informed that a change in command was to take place and for the next time period three cadet officers related the many things that Lt/Col Spurr had taught them and the squadron. It was all phrase and gratitude.

A special guest speaker was seated at the head table, USAF Brig. Gen. Gary Wilfong was asked to come forward and officiate the passing of the squadron guidon and command from Lt/Col Spurr to Capt Paul Twiddy, Which he did. He then spoke to us for several minutes.

It was a great night and meeting for the Cadets, the CAP and for me. Good luck Capt. Twiddy with your new command.

Major James P. Williams
DDPA and DDAE
NC Wing 001



Brig.



Capt. Twiddy receives the guidon from Brig. Gen Wilfong



Conclusion of ceremonies for NC-800

Photos by Maj. James P. Williams



Young Eagles Rally a Success at KTDF

CAP-Person County uses event to recruit several new Cadets

8 Nov 2008, 0900-1500

KTDF (Person County Executive Airport)

Timberlake, NC

Submitted by: Jim Thomasson, Lt MER-NC150

At the invitation of Tina Walker, FBO Manager at KTDF, The Person County unit of the Civil Air Patrol participated in the EEA sponsored Young Eagles Rally held today at Person County Executive Airport. CAP occupied a prominent spot at the event, concentrating on the recruiting of Cadets.

On hand for CAP to assist in recruiting were: Lt Kathleen Weeks (DCC NC150), Capt Keith Savoy (NC Wing DC), Lt Jim Thomasson (Person County Flight Leader), Lt Ken Lawrence (PCSF-SO), and SM Danny Basden (PCSF). After driving over from marching in Raleigh's Veterans Day Parade, Lt Col Al Therriault and three Raleigh-Wake cadets arrived, C/Amn Michael Sowell, C/Amn Johnathan Bradley, C/2Lt Kyle Zobel. Col Therriault taxied the CAP aircraft flown in for the event down to the event location.. Lt Thomasson demonstrated Flight Line Marshalling to the crowd, bringing in the CAP aircraft to its designated tie-down location on the busy tarmac. Lt Lawrence served as wing-walker. The plane was then opened up to guided tours and inspections by any of the Young Eagles.

Lt Thomasson estimated that at least five new Cadets were recruited, three of which are brothers and sister. A better result from the event will be realized over the next few regular squadron meetings.

The Young Eagles Rally was well attended by the public, especially in the morning hours. An estimated 120 young people of Person County were taken airborne by the able pilots of the EAA, who sponsored the Rally out of their own pockets. CAP salutes the men and woman of the EAA for doing their part to initiate and enhance an interest in general aviation in the hearts and minds of these young folks.



Tina Walker, KTDF FBO Manager



Young Eagles attendees



Photos by 1st. Lt. Jim Thomasson



SM Danny Basden (PCSF), Lt Kathleen Weeks (DCC 150); C/Amn Michael Sowell, C/Amn Johnathan Bradley, C/2Lt Kyle Zobel (Cadets from NC048).

Carolina WingTips

Coastal Patrol Base 21 distributes *Red Ribbons*

Coastal Patrol Base 21 presented Red Ribbons to three local library after school programs: Marine Warrior Library, MCAS Cherry Point, NC; Havelock Public Library, Havelock, NC and Newport Public Library, Newport, NC. In addition, a presentation of ribbons and data sheets explaining Red Ribbon Week was made to The Cherry Tree House Youth Center and its director, Dori Kittrell. Ribbons were passed out to CPB21 squadron members during the regular meeting and all were encouraged to distribute them to family and friends.

This was a concerted effort to introduce children and others to the CAP Drug Reduction program and it received accolades by all parties. We were invited back to several locations to do a program on the subject in the near future.

We were able to coordinate our coverage of this area with the MCAS Cherry Point Substance Abuse and Counseling Center, which also distribute the ribbons to the middle and elementary schools, so that we would not duplicate our efforts. They were happy to learn we were getting to places that they were not.

We plan to do more next year!

Major Linda Eldredge, PAO, DDRA
CPB21, Beaufort, NC
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NC Wing Members Attend National Staff Conference

Allow me to add my congratulations to these fine officers. Their commitment and perseverance to achieve Level 5 in the CAP Adult Officer professional development program is OUTSTANDING. They have not only made significant personal gains in their knowledge and understanding of Civil Air Patrol, but have also equipped themselves with critical tools needed as future leaders, trainers, and advisors for this Wing's continued success.

Well done!!

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
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L-R: Maj. John Maxfield, BGen Amy Courter

Carolina WingTips continued ...

N.C. cadet named Honor Cadet for Blue Ranger training weekend

November 04, 2008

Capt. Robert Johnston

Commander
Halifax Composite Squadron
North Carolina Wing



Photo by SM Suzanne Evans

NORTH CAROLINA — Cadet Basic James Evans of the Halifax Composite Squadron was recognized as the Honor Cadet for the Blue Ranger training weekend held Oct. 16-18 at U.S. Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City.

The award, decided by the cadet command staff for the weekend, is given to the cadet who best exemplifies honor, integrity, and teamwork. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Chuck Thompson presented Evans with a challenge coin in recognition of the honor.

In all, 39 cadets participating in the training, a joint venture of Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Junior ROTC. Participants were taught field first aid, search and rescue techniques and how to accomplish tasks through teamwork.

The Blue Rangers program's purpose is to support police, fire and rescue personnel in the event of a disaster.

The Berlin Candy Bomber

Elizabeth City Composite Squadron received a visit from the "candy bomber" at their squadron meeting on Tuesday, December 9th. Col. Gail Halvorsen USAF Ret., known to some as "Uncle Wiggly Wings" and the "Chocolate Flier", is 88 year old veteran from World War II. He was best known for dropping candy packages of chocolate and chewing gum to the Children of Berlin Germany during the Berlin Airlift after World War II. Col. Halvorsen got his starts in aviation through the Civil Air Patrol. He spoke to the cadets about his experience in the Berlin Airlift and how he and the other brave allied aviators brought hope and freedom to a city in peril. He brought a message of Freedom and how the airlift enabled the people of Berlin to enjoy that freedom. The message he brought to our cadets was the most powerful message I have ever heard. It wasn't just Candy and Food that the Berliners received from the Airlift; they were able to stand against the attempted starvation brought to them by the communists. This year is the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and more information about this great operation can be found at: <http://www.spiritoffreedom.org/airlift.html>

Courage and Commitment,

Eric M. Williams

C/1st Lt. CAP

Elizabeth City Composite Squadron MER-NC-805

Carolina WingTips continued ...

Cadets get impromptu tour of control tower

Oct 28, 2008 – Raleigh, NC

North Carolina Wing's Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron Cadets got an impromptu tour of Raleigh-Durham International Airport's ATC and Control Tower facilities Tuesday night during their weekly cadet meeting. RDU's own Vince Doran, a 20+ year FAA Air Traffic Controller, was scheduled to present a short talk to the Cadets for their Aerospace Education segment.

After explaining all about his job and the Airspace around central North Carolina, Vince looked at his watch and said to the stunned audience: "It's only 10 minutes to eight, how about a tour of the Control Tower!."

Since 9/11, access to FAA restricted areas have been greatly reduced, making it almost impossible to visit operational ATC Facilities. Only during very rare "open house" events (Operation Raincheck) are outsiders given tours in ATC facilities, and even then, usually only to US Licensed Pilots.

After the Cadets (and a few seniors) had been peeled off the ceiling, they divided into two groups and walked over to the Control Tower Facility. While one half the group toured the Tower cab, the other half viewed a short movie depicting a commercial 747 flight, and how it moves through the Air Traffic System from start to finish.

RDU's Control tower is 250 foot high, and the second tour group arrived at the base to find that the elevator was not working. 6 cadets and 2 escorts climbed the 16 flights of stairs to reach the top of the tower. Landing and Ground operations were clearly visible in the clear night air from the lofty position in the tower. Cadets were shown the Raleigh Approach control radar screens and were allowed to listen to the ATC instructions given to arriving and departing aircraft.

Lt. Col. Al Therriault
Deputy Commander for Cadets, NC-048
Director of Cadet Programs, NCWG

Army Aviator talks about missions in Afghanistan to North Carolina Wing Civil Air Patrol

New Bern, North Carolina - Lieutenant Colonel Jayson A. Altieri, Battalion Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division and a 1989 MCV graduate, recently gave a presentation to the 500 Officers and Cadets of the North Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at the Wing's annual conference on 25 October at the Sheraton Hotel in New Bern, North Carolina.

According to a CAP spokesman, Lt. Col Altieri, who is also a former CAP Cadet, was invited to give an hour long presentation on his experiences as a Battalion Commander in Afghanistan as well as the roles and missions of Army Aviation in the Global War on Terrorism. Altieri, who commanded the 2nd Battalion in Afghanistan in 2007 showed a video highlighting the missions of the Army's AH-64, CH-47, and UH-60 helicopters last year in the NATO lead operations in Southern Afghanistan. Lt. Col Altieri, along with SFC Raymond J Prioleau from the U.S. Army Reserve Recruiting Station, Havelock, NC, also took questions from parents and cadets about joining the Army as Soldiers, Warrant Officers, and Officers.

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Lt. Col Altieri also presented two framed United States Flags that were flown by Army Aviation Aircrews over Iraq and Afghanistan to the NC Commander, Col Larry Ragland.



LOCAL SQUADRON PRACTICES COMMUNICATIONS PREPAREDNESS

BURLINGTON, NC (10/23/2008)—The Burlington Composite Squadron of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol began a weekly communications network in October for senior officers and cadets throughout central North Carolina. This network is a weekly exercise to establish communications between area Civil Air Patrol personnel, U.S. Air Force Personnel, and other emergency service agencies for training, practice, and maintenance. The exercise revolves around the use of radio equipment designed for use in emergencies and in situations where various agencies must work together efficiently. The squadron plans to grow the network and continue to conduct it regularly.

“Communications is one of the Civil Air Patrol’s most important responsibilities,” explained 1st Lieutenant Kertis Henderson, Communications Officer for the Burlington Composite Squadron. “The ability to communicate effectively is vital to efforts in large and small-scale emergency situations. Many of our local members have been training for this type of exercise. We hope that through this network, we can ensure that our communications system will be reliable if we should need to use it.”

The communications network, or “net,” is based out of the squadron’s headquarters at the Burlington-Alamance Regional Airport, and will regularly exchange messages with Civil Air Patrol units and other agencies around central North Carolina. “We’ve linked up with units in Fayetteville and Raleigh, and we expect to establish communication with other squadrons in the following weeks,” explains Henderson. “In turn, these units will be able to talk to personnel who are even farther away. In this way, our communications capability grows with each link in the chain.”

This radio network is intended for the use of Civil Air Patrol squadrons in the North Carolina Wing’s Group 2, composed of squadrons from the central part of the state. The creation of this network follows on the heels of a similar radio network by members of the Fayetteville Composite Squadron. In addition, squadrons in Raleigh and Chapel Hill have begun such regular communication practice. Members of all group squadrons are encouraged to participate in these networks.

Not only have members of Group 2 participated, but a few members of Group 3, which covers the western part of the state, have participated in the network.

“We want to help promote communications in this squadron and in others around the wing,” says Henderson. “This type of hands-on training can only have positive effects on our senior members and cadets.”

1st Lt Kertis Henderson, CAP

Public Affairs Officer

MER-NC-022 Burlington Composite Squadron



NC-022 members sharpen communications skills

BURLINGTON SQUADRON MEMBERS VISIT MIDDLE SCHOOL

BURLINGTON, NC (11/14/2008)—Members of the Burlington Composite Squadron of the North Carolina Wing visited Hawfields Middle School in Mebane on 12 November. The visit provided the students, grades 6 through 8, with information about the Civil Air Patrol and its activities. Four senior members and two cadets made the visit. The presentation was attended by 26 students.

“The Burlington Composite Squadron took its next test toward future growth and meeting its long-term goal of 60 members by making this presentation,” explains Capt Andy Wiggs, Commander of the squadron. “This is part of our multi-pronged approach to recruiting quality personnel into the squadron.”

Capt Wiggs explained that the squadron’s plan is to attract recruits with multiple concurrent efforts. The internet is one way for the squadron to recruit cadets who might already be interested in the Civil Air Patrol. School students targeted by these visits may have little awareness of the cadet program, and so the visit benefits the squadron by increasing awareness. In addition, a word-of-mouth campaign is fueled not only by current cadets and new recruits, but also by other students in attendance of a visit by C.A.P. members.

The visit to Hawfields Middle School was made possible by the efforts of a number of individuals. Those members who took part in the visit are listed below.

Capt Andy Wiggs, CC NC-022, Maj Jonathan Johnson, NC-022, Capt David Buslinger, NC-022, 1st Lt Kertis Henderson, NC-022, C/1st Lt Zachary Baughman, Cadet CC NC-022, C/1st Lt Will Buslinger, NC-022

The students in attendance asked numerous questions about the three missions of the Civil Air Patrol. Many of the children were interested in the ground team equipment brought by Capt Buslinger. Maj displayed aeronautical charts and a poster of aircraft controls, and he spoke about Aerospace Education. Capt Wiggs described the Cadet Program and answered questions about cadet activities. Cadets Baughman and Buslinger described their experiences as cadets and the enjoyment they’ve gotten from the program.

1st Lt Kertis Henderson, CAP
Public Affairs Officer
MER-NC-022 Burlington Comp. Sqdn.

NC Wing Cadets March in Honor of Fallen Officer

August 7th 2008, Virginia Beach Police Detective Michael Phillips lost his life in the 'War on Drugs'. Today, Saturday Nov 22, NC Wing Cadets Marched in the Raleigh Christmas Parade in his honor. Joined by C/ CMSgt Ken, CAP's DDR Ambassador, 18 cadets and 5 senior officers from the Apex Cadet and Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron joined hundreds of marchers, floats and bands in the annual Capital City event. The cadets brought their message of 'Better Things To Do Than Drugs' to the thousands that were lining the streets to view the parade.

Maj. Al Therriault
Director, Cadet Programs
NCWG



Cunningham Field Caps Annual Banquet with two Mitchell Awards

Cunningham Field Composite squadron has made four Mitchell cadets in their five-year history. The two latest 2nd Lieutenants were promoted on Saturday, 13 DEC at the Cherry Point squadron's annual awards ceremony and banquet in Morehead City.

C/CMSgt Jerod E. Tubbs and C/CMSgt Brennan C. Fifer were commissioned by Group 3 Commander Lt. Col Dan Ellis.

In addition to the Mitchell awards, three Wright Brothers milestones were earned by C/SrA Courtney Bayliss, C/SrA Rosemary Ellis and C/SrA James Luksza, Jr.

Maj Mary Anne Fleagle



L to R; NCWG Group 3 Commander Lt. Col. Dan Ellis, C/CMSgt Jerod E. Tubbs, C/CMSgt Brennan C. Fifer, and Commander Maj. Linwood M. Dabney, Cunningham Field Composite Squadron.

SAFETY OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

This month's Safety Officer shout out goes to not one person, but three. It's a new year and you folks are already getting not a single safety officer of the month, not a two-fer, but a three-fer deal on Safety Officers.

Captain Scott Malazia (Group 1 SE) is a member of NC-137 and once served as the squadron safety officer. He has been kicked up to Group level where he rides herd over the mountain and western Piedmont area of the state. One of Scott's many contributions to NC Wing safety is in the form of the activity master safety plan. The very first edition of this plan was authored by Captain Malazia for a Wing AE activity and rocket day. This document formed the basic outline for the master plan still being used in Wing activity planning today.

Captain Glenn Drew (Group 3 SE) is a double duty safety officer, serving as both Group 3 safety officer, as well as the safety officer at the Cape Fear Composite Squadron, NC-023. Glenn has been a front runner in putting cadets actively into the safety operations at the Squadron, Group and Wing levels. Cadets from NC-023 have been highly visible at Wing SAREX functions and always draw praise from USAF observers.

Major John Maxfield (Group 2SE) is a double duty safety officer at Group 2 and NC-048, the Wing Legal Eagle, and serves in some CAP lawyer gig at Region, too. John is a fixture at all Wing SAREX events. If a SAREX is being planned, Major Maxfield is the first name the IC wants for the safety team. He is also a former NC Wing Safety Officer Of The Year and MER SE of the Year candidate.

Three cheers for the Three Safety Amigos! Each of these fellows deserve many thanks from the Wing Safety Directorate and the Groups they serve!

Remember, CAPR 62-1 requires all new Safety Officers to complete the on-line safety officers course within 90 days of appointment. If you are an "old safety dog", you may view the PowerPoint presentation and take the test if you would like a refresher. It doesn't take an hour of your time.

Get your credentials reported into NC Wing and be the next safety officer of the month. The goal is simple, we want 100% of our squadrons to have trained Safety Officers.

Don't Do Nothing Stupid.
Lt Dan

Our Mission: Remember - Honor - and Teach
Remember the fallen;

Honor those who serve;

Teach our children the value of freedom.

The Wreaths Across America story began over 15 years ago when Worcester Wreath Company (a for-profit commercial business from Harrington, Maine) began a tradition of placing wreaths on the headstones of our Nation's fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery during the holidays.

Over that period of time, Worcester Wreath has donated 90,000 wreaths which were placed by volunteers in a wreath-laying ceremony each December. But as word spread, the mission to Remember; Honor; and Teach about the sacrifices made by our veterans has captured the hearts and minds of many communities across the Country.



In December 2007, 286 participating locations hosted Wreaths Across America ceremonies overseeing the placement of 32,553 wreaths on the headstones of those who served and sacrificed for our freedoms. In 2008 that number will exceed 350 locations and 100,000 wreaths placed in honor!

The Wreaths Across America Program in North Carolina

Cunningham Field Composite Squadron

For the third year, the cadets and senior members of Cunningham Field Composite Squadron led the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Coastal State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. Seven cadets were privileged to assist the active duty military and civilians in laying the ceremonial wreaths. C/SSgt Courtney Bayliss and PFC Tyler Loher, US Army; C/TSgt James Luksza, Jr and Cpl Jacques Arthur, USMC (Arthur is a senior member of Cunningham Field); C/2nd Lt Jerod Tubbs and HM3 Albert Tuazon, USN; C/TSgt Rosemary Ellis laid the Air Force wreath with Maj. Madison Crum, USMC (Ret.) (Crum is also a senior member of Cunningham Field); Airman Bethany Riley and Ensign Stewart Sibert, USCG (Sibert, also a senior member of Cunningham Field, is a Spaatz cadet and graduate of the USCG Academy); C/2nd Lt Brennan Fifer laid the Merchant Marine wreath with Ms Rita Arndt, a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy; and C/CMSgt Sophie Rynas laid the POW/MIA wreath with Mr Micheal Brown.

The military honors were complete, with the invocation provided by LT Rob Heckathorne USN, a Color Guard from Naval Hospital Camp LeJeune, a Marine firing detail from the HQ Support Bn., CLNC, and a Marine bugler from the 2 MARDIV Band. State Sen. Harry Brown (R., Onslow) was the guest speaker. Over fifty bikes from The Patriot Guard, Christian Motorcycle Association and Rolling Thunder attended. Commander Linwood Dabney of Cunningham Field conducted the ceremony.

CAP cadets escorted those who wished to lay wreaths at the graves of loved ones after the ceremony concluded. Members of the Swansboro VFW and their grandchildren assisted the squadron's cadets and seniors in laying the remainder of the donated wreaths.

Maj. Mary Anne Fleagle



Cpl Jacques Arthur, USMC, practices accepting the ceremonial wreath from C/TSgt James Luksza, Jr.

Photos provided by NC-160 members



NC-180 cadets and military honor guard salute the colors

Salisbury NC-Historic Old National Cemetery.

It was a very crisp morning. The frost was heavy on the grass and across the Grave markers. The sun shone brightly and by 10:00 am it had warmed some and the frost was gone.

The ceremony participants began to arrive. They came from South Carolina, Waxhaw, Charlotte, Boone, Fort Bragg and Rowan Co. They all came to pay homage and remember the fallen, the prisoners of war, the missing in action, and honor those who have served and are serving this great nation's armed services.

The Special guest speakers had arrived: Congressman Mel Watt. - US House of Rep. Rep. Lorene Coats -NC house of Rep. Raymond Coltrain – Rowan County Comm. And Gregg Whitney Cemetery- Director

The count down to 12:00 Noon began began all across the Nation, every state and possession.

Ladies and Gentlemen please join with me in a minute of silence to remember our fallen hero's and those that are protecting our great Nation and our freedom today... At the command, "Post the Colors"—12 Civil Air Patrol Cadets in blue uniforms moved out bearing the National and State Colors along with the Flag for every branch of service.

THE National Anthem was sung by Ret T/Sgt Carl Schlager. Katie Jeanes – A fourth grader from Girl Scout troop # 406 Lead the pledge of allegiance,

Lt/Col Jayson Altieri, Active duty Us Army and the CAP from Fort Bragg Army post read the proclamation and added some comments of his own.

Then came the laying of the wreaths. "Now Pfc. Welsing will lay a holiday wreath in memory of those who served and are now serving in the United States Army" and so it was as each soldier, Cadet, and Veteran made the slow march to lay their wreaths, took one step back and saluted, and then another wreath began its trip to the memorial until all seven were laid.

Gregg Evans-Commander of the Rowan Military Honor Guard read the closing statements, Then the special Guest were introduced and each one came forward with a short speech honoring those that had and were giving so much.

The Order was given- Commander Salute our Fallen Comrades. The rifles fired and then came the mournful notes of TAPS played by two buglers—creating the echo effect. (T/Sgt. Schlager and CAP Cadet Wuerffel) The colors were retired by the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard, which ended the Ceremony.

Major James P. Williams



Photo by Capt. Paul Twiddy
NC-800

New Bern National Cemetary

Coastal Patrol Base 21 has cold, sunny day to lay wreaths at New Bern National Cemetery, New Bern, NC.

CPB21 once again had the privilege of laying wreaths in honor of those veterans of the past, present and future. As always, the ceremony was sharply conducted and very moving in its simplicity. Those in the ceremony included active duty and retired personnel, as well as Maj. Bill Smart, USMC Ret., who was a Korean POW, to lay the wreaths for each branch of the services and the POW/MIAs. Our bugler was from the Havelock Community band. We are grateful to all who responded to the invitation to attend, and to Mrs. Brenda Good, Director, NB National Cemetery for her kind help.

Maj. Linda Eldredge, PAO, CAP
Coastal Patrol Base 21
Beaufort, NC



Ceremonial bier with wreaths



PO Aboytes, Maj. Smart, LCpl Orizal lay POW wreath

Photos by Maj. Linda Eldredge



Honor Guard and wreath layers

Winston-Salem Composite Squadron plays major role in ***“Wreathes Across America”*** ceremony

The “Wreathes Across America” ceremony was held at the North Carolina Viet Nam Memorial located on Interstate 85 between Lexington and Thomasville. Major Ron Cheek was in charge of the program and was aided by the cadets as well as two bugel players and a bagpiper. A NC Air National Guard helicopter also made a planned appearance this year (last year the weather cancelled the helicopter from coming). The bagpiper played for the presenters and color guard to march in. A moment of silence was observed. The cadets presented the seven wreathes representing the army, navy, marine corp., air force, coast guard, merchant marine and POW/MIA. The cadets also provided the color guard for the event. The buglers played echoing taps while the Bagpipe played Amazing Grace. A very respectful and honoring program from start to finish as a tribute to all of our fallen heroes who have paid the supreme sacrifice to give to each of us the freedom we hold so dear.



Photos by SM Leslieann Gourley.

North Carolina State Capitol Grounds

Raleigh, NC - A bright sun and a chill Northwest wind greeted Cadets from the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron and the Apex Cadet Squadron as Maj. Al Therriault, NC Wing Director of Cadet Programs, assembled his crew and began setting up for the third Wreaths Across America program conducted on these historic grounds. Wires from the public address system snaked through and over shrubs and across sidewalks while cadets applied duct tape--a must for safety sake.

The wreaths were unpacked and set on their stands. Cadets stood by the rostrum and tested the microphone while others "policed" the area of bits of trash and dried leaves.

100 yards away a group was milling around canvas shelters. They wore a hodge podge of clothing--mostly gray--but some with other flashes of color. The women wore long drab dresses and bonnets to ward off the sun. The men carried muskets, the women held the hands of children. They formed a small army among themselves--these Confederate Army re-enactors.

The Raleigh-Wake color guard rehearsed their march up the walk toward the War Memorial as other cadets formed up as an honor guard. Air Force Blues and BDUs were the uniforms for this force.

All was ready just a few minutes before Noon. The re-enactors formed into a column of twos. As they marched across the Capitol lawn, Maj. Therriault cued up a CD and played *Dixie*. At 12:00 Noon Cadet Col. Jeremiah Coogan walked to the podium and asked all present to observe a minute of silence.

The wreaths honoring those who served their country were laid by cadets, senior members and the leader of the re-enactors. The PA system offered an electronic rendering of taps, and all fell silent. In less than 1/2 hour the ceremony was complete.

A tradition is now well established.

1st. Lt. Don Penven (Text and photos)



Raleigh-Wake Color Guard



Re-enactors arrive at War Memorial



Re-enactor places wreath at War Memorial



Color Guard retires

Middle East Region Hosts Cadet Warrior Challenge at Fort Pickett, Virginia

Fort Pickett, Virginia – In the cold late hours of December 5, 2008, Cadets and Senior members from across the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Middle East Region (MER) arrived at the United States Army's Fort Pickett National Guard Training Center to participate in the first MER sponsored Cadet Warrior Challenge (CWC). CAP teams from across the Region, composed of cadets by rank Airman, NCOs and Officers, completed in a number of events from 5-7 December that challenged both the physical and mental endurance of the Regions CAP Cadets at the Army training site. While the facilities at Fort Pickett are geared to train military personnel and units, non-military organizations use them too. These include the U.S. Marshal's Service, FBI, A.T.F., Virginia State Police and local law enforcement agencies. CAP has used Fort Pickett for a number of years and holds the annual MER Search and Rescue Exercise at Blackstone Army Airfield, located at Fort Pickett.

Among the most demanding of cadet events at the CWC was the Cadet Physical Challenge, an individual event based on the United States Air Force Academy Candidate Fitness Assessment. This event included a Shuttle Run, Pull ups, Push ups, and Sit Ups. Additional events included United States Army Land Navigation and Obstacle courses, leadership seminars, and an "Egg Drop" completion which challenged the cadet's knowledge of physics and aerodynamics in order to develop platforms on which an egg, dropped from a platform, would survive a fall.

In addition to activities for the cadets, CAP Senior members also had the opportunity to training and develop their professional leadership skills by attending the Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) program. The TLC curriculum included a number of the leadership class for Seniors included topics a diverse a developing cadet activities for regular squadron meetings, getting cadets off to a solid start in CAP by Developing partnerships with parents, developing cadet mentorship programs, and tailoring programs for individual cadets to help the newest members of CAP develop their full potential. According to CAP Lieutenant Colonel Pam Strug, a staff officer with CAP's Middle East Region, "TLC is a great venue for sharing best practices and seeing how other squadrons cope with the perennial challenges of leading a cadet unit, so there's something for newcomers and experienced leaders alike."

Among the MER Wing invited to participate were the Delaware, Maryland, National Capital, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia Wings. "I can tell you everyone had a great time despite the cold weather, which include some snow fall," said CAP Lieutenant Colonel Donald A. Beckett, the Public Affairs Officer for the Johnston County Cadet Squadron, North Carolina Wing.

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MER Cadets at the Indoor Challenge Course JPEG) – Middle East Region Cadets participate in the CWC Indoor Challenge Course at Fort Pickett, Virginia.



SC Wing Cadets Egg Drop JPEG) – South Carolina Wing Cadets give the "Drop Zone Safety Officer" thumbs up as they prepare to deploy their egg during the CWC Egg Drop Completion at Fort Pickett, Virginia.

Raleigh-Wake Holds Change of Command Ceremony at Annual Banquet

Blinking strobes and flashing beacon lights served as a backdrop for the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron's annual Holiday banquet, which was held in the main concourse of the General Aviation Terminal at RDU. The panoramic windows revealed aircraft of all sorts and sizes, including N716CP—the CAP glass cockpit Cessna 182 stationed at the airport. Master of Ceremonies, Maj. John Maxfield, announced the commencement of the festivities. Members, families and special guests were treated to an evening of good food and good fellowship as Maj. Maxfield set the tone of the evening.

Maj. Maxfield introduced the head table:

Col. Larry Ragland, NC Wing Commander

Lt. Col. Roy Douglass, NC Wing Chief of Staff and NC Wing Commander 2009 Designate

Maj. Toby Wall, NC Wing Group II Commander

Maj. Dion Viventi, Outgoing NC-048 Squadron Commander

Capt. Tim Tessin, Incoming NC-048 Squadron Commander

Other special Guests included:

Lt. Col. Lucy Davis, Director of the CAP division, NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Ms. Kathy Gaddy, NC Wing Administrator

This particular banquet set a milestone for the 100-member squadron—with the first official order of business being the Change of Command ceremony. With the Col. Larry J. Ragland assisting, the ceremonial guide-on was passed from outgoing squadron commander, Maj. Dion Viventi, to Capt. Tim Tessin. It was noted that Capt. Tessin had served as Deputy Squadron Communications Officer, and most recently, he headed the wing-wide Cadet Orientation program.

Two senior members received promotions to 1st. Lt.: Allen Johnson and 1st. Lt. Jose Guzman. It was also noted that Lt. Guzman headed the committee that had organized the banquet.

1st. Lt Marcus Howard was presented with a plaque by Maj. Maxfield, which named him Squadron Member of the Year. Lt. Col. Al Therriault, Raleigh-Wake Deputy Commander for Cadets and NC WING Director of Cadet Programs, announced cadet promotions to the following grades:

C/Capt Stephen Coogan

C/1LT Kyle Zobel

C/2LT Seth Hall

C/CMSGT and First Sgt Taylor Huneycutt

C/SSgt Victoria Rimmel

C/Amn Matthew Lowery

C/Amn Bradley



C/Capt. Stephen Coogan was named Squadron Cadet of the Year.

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Change of Command Ceremony



Cadet Seth Hall receives Honor NCO Award

Public Affairs Update

To All:

Some new and very important information was posted to the wing website on 11 January 2009:

1. NCWG Supplement, 190-1. Go to: https://www.ncwg.cap.gov/paperless_wing/process/document_library/documents.cfm?category=SUP

Only a few minor changes are in place but I call your attention the following:

12a. Reporting requirements for the Unit PAO, and the Wing PA Director, along with the use of the NCWG Form 19 (NC Wing Monthly Unit PAO report). All Units *shall* submit on a monthly basis, the NC Wing Form 19 (NC Wing Monthly Unit Public Affairs Report), **or shall submit an electronic report (Email), which contains all of the information required on the NCWGF-19 to NC Wing HQ and to the NCWG PA Director** on or before the 7th of each month. This report is required whether PA activity took place or not. *While hardcopies are permissible, electronic copies are preferred.*

12b. If a Unit does not have an assigned PAO on CAP Form 2a or CAP Authorization the Unit Commander is responsible for submitting the NC Wing Form 19 **or an electronic summary (Email)** each month. All supporting documentation will be retained at the Unit level until requested by the NCWG PA Director.

12c. All Unit PAOs or Commanders must submit to CAP National HQ and the NC Wing PA Director a yearly Unit Public Affairs Plan and a Unit Crisis Communication Plan. These two plans must be submitted prior to 1 February of each calendar year. Units can use the NCWG plans once completed as a guide.

Sections 12a. and 12b. deal with the required PA monthly reports, You now have the option of simply sending in an Email instead of the CAPF-19. So what's the big deal about monthly reports anyway? Well for one thing, they provide the PA staff with a look at what is going on at the unit level. The PA directorate gave out more than a half dozen awards at the Annual Conference to those who worked the hardest in promoting their units over the year. When deciding awards, we look at not just who submitted reports, which of course is important, but we look at the type and content of the work being produced.

Monthly reports also serve as an alarm system--one which tells us if a unit may need help in the form of a Staff Assisted Visit.

Only about 1/3 of our statewide units have been submitting a report on a regular basis. We hope to see that change. Even if you've had no activity, we want to know you are still breathing out there. Simply put, "Nothing to Report," in the body of the Email.

Section 12c. covers the new reports mandated by National HQ. As it states above, you may use the existing Wing plans as a template, but I hope to finalize the PA and Crisis Plans for Raleigh-Wake shortly. You may find these a little more user friendly.

All the best,

Don

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